

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**AGENDA ITEM: 3 – E (2)**

**DATE: May 11, 2021**

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**SUBJECT**

**Report of the Executive Director –Senate Bill 55 Task Force Update**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[Senate Bill 55](#)

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

The state legislature passed Senate Bill 55 (SB 55) during the 2020 legislative session. The bill requires the Board of Regents to assemble a task force to examine possible program and administrative efficiencies at the six public universities. The task force is anticipated to establish its final recommendations by June 2021 in order that the Board can have an opportunity to review and incorporate them into its strategic planning work scheduled for August 2021 during its annual retreat. Task force findings will be presented to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Appropriations no later than November 15, 2021.

Past and Future Meetings of the Full Task Force:

- October 8, 2020 (Rapid City)
- November 12, 2020 (Vermillion)
- January 7, 2021 (Virtual – Optional University Foundations discussion)
- April 15, 2021 (Spearfish)
- May 13, 2021 (Sioux Falls)
- June 3, 2021 (Brookings)

Overview of Recent Activity

The SB55 Task Force subcommittees have worked diligently to examine and scrutinize regental processes to determine priority efficiency opportunities and efforts. It met on April 15 to continue this work, and on April 23 the Board staff was invited to discuss the task force progress to-date with the Joint Committee on Appropriations. The process of formalizing subcommittee recommendations for the final report will continue at the next task force meeting on May 13 in Sioux Falls.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The SB 55 Task Force continues working on recommendations for their final report. Co-chairs of the subcommittees will be available for Board questions and comments during the Board meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**